

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

PUBLIC REPRIMAND.

Board Case No. 111845-B Effective Date: October 22, 2014

By Order dated October 22, 2014, the Delaware Supreme Court publicly reprimanded Alex J. Brown, Esquire, a member of the Maryland Bar who was admitted *pro hac vice* by the Court of Chancery, for violation of Rules 3.4(c)(knowingly violate a court order) and 8.4(d)(engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice) of the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct.

Respondent represented several parties before the Court of Chancery where the Court entered a Seizure and Injunction Order placing an insurance company under control of the Delaware Insurance Commissioner. The Court enjoined the filing of litigation against the insurance company in any other forum. Respondent acted in contempt of the Seizure and Injunction Order by filing suit in Maryland State Court against the insurance company after the injunction had been entered.

Respondent admitted he knowingly violated the Seizure and Injunction Order thereby engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice.

The Delaware Supreme Court approved a Board Report and Recommendation of Sanction submitted by a Panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility. In recommending a public reprimand, the Board considered the following aggravating factors: (1) dishonest or selfish motive; and (2) substantial experience in the practice of law. In mitigation, the Board considered the following factors: (1) absence of a prior disciplinary record; (2) timely good faith effort to rectify the consequences of his misconduct; (3) full cooperation with the disciplinary proceedings; (4) good moral character and reputation; (5) the Court of Chancery imposed a monetary sanction for Respondent's contumacious conduct; and (6) remorse.